



# Newsletter No. 2

February 2026



## PLEDGES ARE COMING IN AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU

The steering group would like to thank you for your amazing support for the project. As of Mid-February the total of donations and pledges stands at **£83,000**. With a few days left until our end of pledge date we would like to ask that anyone who would like to pledge can do so by filling in the on-line pledge form from our website, or by handing your pledge to any of the steering group or posted to the address on the reply envelope. All pledges are handled in the strictest confidence. Donations can be made to our gofund me page.

All details available on our website [Railwayinn.org](http://Railwayinn.org)



gofundme

### Get Your Pledge forms in

No decisions have yet been made should we have a significant funding gap at the end of February. Options depend on the pledges made and include extending the pledge campaign, and offers on a 0% loan.

### The Railway Quiz raised £480!

The recent quiz at St. Luke's was a sell-out and a great success. By popular demand Ben and David are hosting another one. Also, look out for details of our forthcoming Bingo fundraiser on April 12th.

**DUPLICATE**

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND  
**QUIZ FOR THE  
THE RAILWAY INN**  
IS BACK  
HOSTED BY  
DAVID AND BEN

Sunday 22nd March at 3pm •  
St Luke's Chapel, Norton Bridge

★ TICKETS £8  
★ BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS  
★ Hot Pork Baps  
★ Great Raffle Prizes  
★ Teams of no more than 5

Contact  
**07752 458053**  
for tickets

### Steering Group members:

Sue Wardle (Chair)  
David Wills (Vice-Chair)  
Rachael Drinkall (Secretary)  
Margaret Ainsworth Hickman  
Andy Burdon  
Sylvia Burdon (Treasurer)  
Neil Butler  
Holly Douglas  
Kris Douglas (Data Protection Officer)  
Fran Drinkall  
Ian Willshaw

### Pledge Online

You can now make  
your pledge online.

Go to  
[Railwayinn.org/pledge](http://Railwayinn.org/pledge)

## Our Vision - A community pub that:-

- Operates as a community hub, that provides more services than a traditional pub
- Supports local businesses and the local community
- Makes the most of its railway history and the local link with Izaak Walton
- Is welcoming to all

### Share Offer

Should we feel that the pledge total is sufficient to continue with the project, we are planning for our share offer to go live at the end of March. Anyone who has pledged to buy shares will be contacted with our share documentation.

### Confidentiality

Please be assured that all pledges received are treated in the strictest confidence. Only the officers of the Committee will have access to the information on who has pledged and how much.

### Tax Relief

Did you know you could get tax relief on buying shares? We have applied for Advance Assurance for tax relief on our shares. The Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS) and Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) enables investors to claim between 50% and 30% of what they invest against their tax return (provided they are personally eligible).

### National Press Coverage

We have featured in the  national newspaper!



### How you can help:

- Pledge
- Donate
- Follow on Facebook or Instagram, like and share
- Tell your family and friends
- Support our fundraising events

### Timeline of events to date:

- Site visit
- Public meeting at St.Luke's
- Formation of the steering group
- Website and Facebook page creation
- Contacted Plunkett for guidance
- Questionnaire issued
- Fortnightly steering group meetings
- Communicated with MP and Councillors
- Collected questionnaire data
- Produced a business plan
- Established a legal structure
- Obtained an accurate valuation
- Obtained a dilapidation report
- Set up a Community Benefit Society
- Created a business plan
- Crowdfunded to raise funds needed to continue the project
- Public meeting to discuss pledges
- Quiz Fundraiser

### Next steps:

- Share issue to raise funds for purchase
- Quiz Fundraiser
- Bingo Fundraiser

Contact us by [email](mailto:contact@railwayinn.org) at [contact@railwayinn.org](mailto:contact@railwayinn.org)

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or [facebook](#) page [Railway Inn Community Pub - Norton Bridge](#) for updates